SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE MAKE ARREST IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

On Tuesday, December 15, the Salem Police Department began an investigation into a reported sexual assault. Through the course of the investigation, officers made contact with a female victim who advised them that she had been sexually assaulted by a male. The victim told police that she was in a relationship with the man when the assault took place in the 1400 block of Filson Street.

The suspect was identified as Joshua James Petitpas, 28, of Salem. Earlier today, December 21, Petitpas was arrested and charged with one count of Rape. As a result of the assault, the victim received medical treatment at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and she has been released.

Petitpas is currently being held at the Roanoke County/Salem Jail without bond.

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